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1. THE 98TH AF VIRTUAL UNIFORM BOARD CONVENED IN 2008. VOTING MEMBERS INCLUDED AIRMEN FROM ALL MAJCOMS AND MOST FUNCTIONAL COMMUNITIES. REPRESENTATIVES FROM AAFES, DSCP/DLA, THE AF UNIFORM OFFICE, AF/A1D AND AF/A4L ACTED AS NON-VOTING ADVISORS. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS WERE FORWARDED TO THE AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR FINAL DECISION.

2. APPROVED ITEMS - EFFECTIVE AS INDICATED:

A. DRESS (BLUE) UNIFORM

1) ELIMINATE WEAR OF THE METAL RANK BY ENLISTED AIRMEN ON THE LIGHT WEIGHT BLUE JACKET; RANK MUST BE WORN USING ONLY THE CHEVRON RANK INSIGNIA SEWN ON THE SLEEVES; EFF: NLT 1 JAN 2010

B. UTILITY UNIFORM (APPLIES TO ABUS, BDUS, AND DCUS)

1) TROUSERS MUST BE TUCKED INTO BOOTS AND PRESENT A BLOUSED APPEARANCE AT ALL TIMES; EFF: 1 OCT 2010

2) TUCK IN BOOT LACES; EXCESS BOOT LACES MAY BE WRAPPED AROUND THE BOOT AND TUCKED IN. NO "BOWTIE" BOOT LACES; EFF: IMMEDIATELY

3) MAJCOMS AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE WEAR OF BLACK BOOTS WITH THE ABU ONLY IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS IAW 132024Z FEB 09 HQ USAF/A1 MESSAGE; EFF: AS PER REFERENCED MESSAGE, 13 FEB 2009

4) ELIMINATE AUTHORITY TO ATTACH ORGANIZATIONAL CAP TO BDU TROUSER; EFF: IMMEDIATELY

5) UPPER SLEEVE POCKET APPROVED FOR FIRE RESISTANT ABUS AUTHORIZED FOR, AND WORN ONLY IN, THE AOR

C. ACCOUTREMENTS

1) AUTHORIZE AIRMEN MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR, AND AWARDED THE US ARMY PARACHUTE RIGGERS BADGE PERMANENT WEAR OF THAT BADGE ON ALL AUTHORIZED UNIFORM COMBINATIONS. WHEN WEARING THE SUBDUED RIGGERS BADGE ON THE ABU/BDU, THE BADGE WILL BE BLUE (NOT BLACK). WHEN WEARING THE SUBDUED BADGE ON THE DCU, THE BADGE WILL BE BROWN.

2) AUTHORIZE PERMANENT WEAR OF BLACK U.S. ARMY AIR ASSAULT BADGE ON THE BDU, REGARDLESS OF DUTY ASSIGNMENT, UPON GRADUATION FROM AIR ASSAULT SCHOOL

3) AUTHORIZE WEAR OF THE AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS DUTY BADGE ON THE SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM AND SUBDUED CLOTH DUTY BADGE ON THE ABU

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1) AUTHORIZE USE OF PERSONAL CELLULAR PHONES WHILE WALKING IN UNIFORM;

CELLULAR PHONE MUST BE CONSERVATIVE IN COLOR; WEAR OF HANDS FREE DEVICES WHILE WALKING IN UNIFORM IS PROHIBITED; CELL PHONE MAY BE WORN ON EITHER THE LEFT OR RIGHT SIDE OF UNIFORM; MILITARY CUSTOMS AND COURTESIES APPLY AND TAKE PRECEDENCE

3. APPROVED UNIFORM/DESIGN CHANGES. WEAR GUIDANCE AND EFFECTIVE DATES WILL BE PROVIDED IN SUPPLEMENTAL MESSAGES. NO ACTION REQUIRED BY MEMBERS AT THIS TIME:

A. UTILITY UNIFORMS

- 1) WEAR OF FOLIAGE GREEN FLEECE AS AN OUTER GARMENT WITH ABU
 - 2) A FLEECE LINER WITH THE ABILITY TO ZIP INTO THE APECS
 - 3) INCREASE LENGTH OF LOWER LEG POCKET ON ABU TROUSER 1/2 INCH
 - 4) CHANGE FEMALE ABU TROUSER FLY BUTTONS TO MIRROR MALES
 - 5) ADD SMALL ABU NAME TAPE WITH LAST NAME TO POCKET FLAP ON ALL-PURPOSE ENVIRONMENTAL CLOTHING SYSTEM (APECS) LEFT SLEEVE
 - 6) ALTER ABU SLEEVE PEN POCKET 1/2 INCH TO PREVENT BREAKING WRITING UTENSILS OR PUNCTURES WHILE BENDING ARM
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B. PHYSICAL TRAINING GEAR

- 1) REVISE CURRENT PT GEAR WEAR GUIDANCE TO REFLECT A MORE PROFESSIONAL IMAGE. MAKE STANDARDS MORE IN LINE WITH THE INTENT OF THE UNIFORM

C. MATERNITY UNIFORM

- 1) AUTHORIZE AN ADDITION OF SIDE BUTTONS THAT UNFOLD A SMALL PORTION OF THE MATERNITY ABU TROUSER.

4. DEFERRED ITEMS AND ITEMS THAT BOARD RECOMMENDED APPROVAL, BUT REQUIRE FURTHER RESEARCH AND/OR DEVELOPMENT. IF ANY ITEM IS LATER APPROVED BY CSAF, WEAR GUIDANCE AND EFFECTIVE DATES WILL BE PROVIDED IN SUPPLEMENTAL MESSAGES; NO ACTION REQUIRED BY MEMBERS AT THIS TIME:

A. UTILITY UNIFORM

- 1) WEAR OF GREEN CREW NECK SWEATER SIMILAR TO MARINE CORPS UNDER THE ABU

B. MATERNITY UNIFORM

- 1) ADJUST MATERNITY ABU TO MIRROR REGULAR POCKET PLACEMENT

C. ACCOUTREMENTS

- 1) OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO COMMAND AND CONTROL (C2) NODES TO WEAR THE C2 BADGE IF APPROVED FOR AWARD BY THE FUNCTIONAL AUTHORITY

5. DISAPPROVALS:

A. THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES WERE DISAPPROVED:

- 1) OPTIONAL FLIGHT CAP W/VENTING
- 2) CORFAM/PATENT LEATHER LOW QUARTERS IN CLOTHING BAG
- 3) FEMALE AIRMEN TO WEAR MALE BLUE PANTS
- 4) MAKING LOOSER FITTING SERVICE DRESS TROUSERS
- 5) CONNECTED STARS FOR 2, 3, AND 4 STAR GENERAL OFFICERS
- 6) BODY SUIT STYLE SERVICE DRESS BLOUSE FOR FEMALE AIRMEN
- 7) AUTHORIZE ONLY LOW QUARTERS AND BOOTS FOR FEMALE AIRMEN WEARING SERVICE DRESS UNIFORMS
- 8) AUTHORIZE WEAR OF ADDITIONAL OCCUPATIONAL BADGE 1.5 INCH BELOW WELT POCKET ON SERVICE DRESS COAT (THE WEAR OF ONE BADGE IN THAT LOCATION IS STILL AUTHORIZED)
- 9) MALE ?PRINCE CUT? SERVICE DRESS SHIRT SIMILAR TO FEMALE "PRINCESS CUT" SERVICE DRESS SHIRT
- 10) WEAR OF SILVER "TERM OF SERVICE" STRIPES ON LOWER RIGHT SLEEVE/CUFF AND ORANGE BRAID "DISCHARGE STRIPE" ON THE SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM
- 11) OFFICER BLACK "GRADE" STRIPES ON LOWER SLEEVE/CUFF OF SERVICE COAT (1=LT-CAPT; 2=MAJ-COL; 3=GEN OFFICER)
- 12) WEAR OF ALL, SOME, OR NO RIBBONS ON SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM; I.E, AIRMEN MUST CONTINUE TO WEAR ALL
- 13) LONGEVITY STRIPES (HASH MARKS) ON SLEEVE OF SERVICE DRESS AND MESS DRESS UNIFORMS
- 14) WEAR OF CREW NECK UNDERSHIRT W/ANY COMBINATION OF SERVICE DRESS UNIFORM
- 15) REPLACE BLUE TIE/TIE TAB WITH BLACK HERRINGBONE TIE/TIE TAB
- 16) SMALL BOW TIE TO REPLACE FEMALE TIE TAB ON MESS DRESS
- 17) "BILLY MITCHELL" STYLE COAT W/FULL SIZE MEDALS AS MESS DRESS UNIFORM/ELIMINATE SEMI-FORMAL UNIFORM
- 18) WEAR OF AMERICAN FLAG ON THE ABU/DCU/BDU
- 19) BOONIE HAT W/ABU AND BDU IN ALL GARRISON AND DEPLOYED LOCATIONS (IAW AFI 36-2903, TAB 1.1, THEATER COMMANDERS PRESCRIBE FOR THEATER OF OPERATIONS)
- 20) DELETE REQUIREMENT TO BLOUSE UTILITY UNIFORM TROUSERS (SEE ITEM 2.B.1 ABOVE, TROUSERS MUST BE TUCKED INTO BOOTS)
- 21) WEAR OF BRIGHT NON-SUBDUED GRADE INSIGNIA ON ABU CAP IN NON-DEPLOYED LOCATIONS (ONLY SUBDUED PIN-ON OR SEW-ON RANK AUTHORIZED)
- 22) WEAR OF PIN-ON OCCUPATIONAL BADGES ON ABUS FOR EASE OF SANITIZING/CHANGING BADGES
- 23) WEAR OF ENLISTED RANK ON ABU COLLAR LAPEL
- 24) WEAR OF SIX-POINT UTILITY CAP
- 25) PERMANENT REDUCTION OF SLEEVE LENGTH OF ABU (ACCOMPLISHED BY MANUFACTURER)
- 26) VELCRO IN PLACE OF BUTTONS ON ABU
- 27) SLANTED CHEST POCKETS ON ABU
- 28) ONE PIECE UTILITY UNIFORM (SIMILAR TO FLT SUIT) TO REPLACE ABU

- 29) WEAR OF BERET WITH ABU BY ALL AIRMEN (AFSCS CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED TO WEAR BERET MAINTAIN AUTHORIZATION IAW 36-2903)
- 30) EMBROIDERED NAME ON ABU VICE NAME TAPE
- 31) WEAR OF ORGANIZATIONAL CAPS WITH ABU
- 32) BLACK SOCKS WITH ABU (SAGE GREEN SOCKS MUST BE WORN WITH THE SAGE GREEN BOOT; TAN OR SAGE SOCKS MUST BE WORN WITH THE TAN BOOT UNTIL 2011)
- 33) REMOVE TWO LOWER POCKETS ON ABU BLOUSE (TOP)
- 34) WEAR OF BLUE BELT WITH ABUS
- 35) REMOVE THIRD ABU CUFF BUTTON, REPLACE OTHER CUFF BUTTON WITH HOOK AND LOOP VELCRO FASTENERS
- 36) ADD NAME TAPE SIMILAR TO ABU NAMETAPE TO BACK OF ABU HAT
- 37) WEAR OF UNIT PATCHES ON ABU (TO INCLUDE SISTER SERVICE PATCHES)
- 38) WEAR OF ARMY LIGHT GREEN FLEECE WATCH CAP WITH THE ABU
- 39) DISALLOW SEWING DOWN POCKETS ON ABU (THIS MEANS AIRMEN ARE STILL AUTHORIZED TO SEW THEM DOWN)
- 40) WEAR OF ABU CAP WITH ELASTIC BAND
- 41) ALLOW WEAR OF WATCH CAP WITH ABUS ALONE, VICE WITH APECS (OUTER GARMENTS ARE STILL REQUIRED WITH THE BLACK WATCH CAP)
- 42) PEN POCKET ON RIGHT SLEEVE OF ABU FOR LEFT-HANDED AIRMEN
- 43) SMALL POCKET ON ABU TO ACCOMMODATE COMMON ACCESS CARD
- 44) METAL ZIPPER IN LIEU OF BUTTONS ON ABU TROUSER FLY & BLOUSE
- 45) ELASTIC BANDS INSIDE BOTTOM OF TROUSERS OF ABU FOR BLOUSING
- 46) WEAR OF WEAPONS SCHOOL PATCH ON ABUS
- 47) CREATE ABU FIELD JACKET
- 48) BLACK LETTERING VICE BLUE ON NAMETAPE/USAF/OCCUPATIONAL BADGES WORN ON ABU
- 49) PERMANENT WEAR OF TAN BOOTS VICE SAGE GREEN BOOTS
- 50) PIXILATED BACKGROUND FOR ENLISTED RANK ON ABU AND ELIMINATE CREASED RANK
- 51) GREEN UNDERSHIRT WITH ABU
- 52) BLUE POLAR FLEECE JACKET WITH ABU
- 53) TAN GLOVES WITH ABU (BLACK AND SAGE GREEN GLOVES ARE AUTHORIZED WITH APPROPRIATE OUTER GARMENTS)
- 54) WEAR OF BLACK OR DARK BLUE (MATCHING LETTERING ON NAMETAPE, ETC) UNDERSHIRT WITH ABU
- 55) WEAR OF COMMANDER'S INSIGNIA ON ABU
- 56) OLIVE GREEN/BEIGE/TAN BERET IN GARRISON AND MULTI-POINT HAT WITH ABU WHILE DEPLOYED
- 57) INTERIM WEAR OF DCU UNTIL MANDATORY WEAR DATE OF ABU
- 58) WEAR OF SPACE BADGE ON UTILITY UNIFORMS
- 59) REPLACE PIERCED STAR ON ENLISTED CHEVRONS WITH 'US' INSIGNIA FOR AIRMAN TIER; RESERVE PIERCED STAR FOR NCOS
- 60) WEAR OF FIRST SERGEANT INSIGNIA (DIAMOND) IN THE SAME MANNER AS COMMANDER'S INSIGNIA
- 61) DELETE OPTION TO WEAR COMMANDER'S INSIGNIA AS GRADUATED

COMMANDER

- 62) REPLACE CURRENT PT PANTS WITH SNAP/TEAR AWAY PANTS THAT CAN BE ALSO USED AS SHORTS (REMOVABLE LOWER LEG)
 - 63) BLACK SOCKS WITH PT GEAR
 - 64) HOOD OF PT JACKET SAME AS HOOD ON APECS
 - 65) ZIP OPEN VENTS BELOW POCKETS ON BOTH SIDES OF PT PANTS
 - 66) SILK-FITTED HEADSCARVES WITH PT GEAR
 - 67) REPLACE REFLECTIVE "V" ON BACK OF PT JACKET WITH AF SYMBOL
 - 68) REMOVE ELASTIC WAIST BAND ON PT JACKET
 - 69) CREATION OF MATERNITY PT UNIFORM
 - 70) ALLOW RETIRED/CIVILIAN MEMBERS TO WEAR PT GEAR WITHOUT REGARD TO GROOMING STANDARDS
 - 71) AUTHORIZE BEARD/GOATEE WITH SAME INTENT AS MUSTACHE; NEATLY TRIMMED AND TASTEFUL
 - 72) WEAR OF SQUARE DIAMOND EARRINGS FOR FEMALE AIRMEN
 - 73) ALLOW AIRMEN STATIONED OVERSEAS TO HAVE DOUBLE THE HAIR LENGTH AND BULK CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED
 - 74) RESTRICT FINGERNAIL LENGTH TO NO LONGER THAN TIP OF FINGER
 - 75) REVISIT SUPPLEMENTAL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE PAYMENT TO INDIVIDUALS IN SPECIAL DUTY POSITIONS NO LONGER REQUIRED
 - ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE DUE TO LOW MAINTENANCE OF ABU
 - 76) AUTHORIZE AIRMEN TO WEAR EARNED SISTER SERVICE PATCHES/BADGES ON ABU WHEN OPERATING WITH SISTER SERVICES
6. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES CSAF APPROVED CHANGES TO CURRENT AIR FORCE UNIFORMS AND UNIFORM POLICY RESULTING FROM THE 98TH AIR FORCE VIRTUAL UNIFORM BOARD. THE CHANGES WILL BE CODIFIED IN AIR FORCE INSTRUCTION 36-2903, DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL. ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED THROUGH YOUR LOCAL CHAIN OF COMMAND/MAJCOM POINTS OF CONTACT.

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